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## PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 3, 2000, please amend the above-

identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In Claim 1,

line 14, insert --rectangular-- before "shape".

## <u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 1-3 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 1 and 2 have been rejected under § 103(a) over Applicant's Prior Art (hereinafter "APA") in view of Hiroshima et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,174,013) (hereinafter "Hiroshima"), and further in view of Harris et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,539,265) (hereinafter "Harris '265"). Claim 3 has been rejected under § 103(a) over APA in view of Hiroshima, and further in view of Harris et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,892,313) (hereinafter "Harris 313").

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